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SUBJECT: EXPANDED EXPORT CONTROLS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

REF: STATE 67141

1. POST HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM MR. D.E. TODD, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF COURT HELICOPTERS, WHETHER EXPANDED EXPORT CONTROLS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE SO INTERPRETED AS TO PRECLUDE GRATIS DONATION BY COURT OF A WRECKED HELICOPTER TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE MUSEUM.

2. DETAILS OF INQUIRY ARE AS FOLLOWS: COURT HELICOPTERS IS A REPUTABLE CAPE TOWN COMPANY ENGAGED IN PROVISION OF OFF-SHORE SERVICES TO BOTH OCEAN GOING VESSELS AND OFF-SHORE OIL RIGS UTILIZING PRIMARILY SIKORSKY HELICOPTERS. COURT HAS REMAINS OF A SIKORSKY S-58T WHICH WAS DITCHED IN TABLE BAY IN MARCH 1977 AND WAS RECOVERED SAME DAY. TODD STATES THAT COURT HAS REMOVED ENGINE, GEARBOX, TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND "ALL OTHER COMPONENTS." ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE BASIC FUSELAGE WHICH IN COMPANY'S OPINION HAS SUFFERED EXCESSIVE CORROSION AND IS "BEYOND REPAIR." TODD STATES THAT SOUTH AFRICAN AIR FORCE MUSEUM IN PRETORIA HAS REQUESTED DONATION OF THE FUSELAGE FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES. HE

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DOES NOT WISH TO CONTRAVENE NEW US EXPORT CONTROLS AND ASKED FOR RULING ON MATTER. CONGENOFF TOLD TODD WE WOULD REPORT IT TO WASHINGTON AND REQUEST GUIDANCE.

3. TODD ASKED FOR GUIDANCE ALSO ON DONATION OF ANOTHER "OLD HULK" TO THE MUSEUM, THIS ONE AN S-55 PISTON-TYPE HELICOPTER THAT IS SURPLUS TO COMPANY'S NEEDS AND WHICH ALSO HAS "EXCESSIVE CORROSION." COMPANY WOULD PREFER TO DONATE IT TO MUSEUM RATHER

THAN TO THE JUNKYARD. TODD SAID IN HIS OPINION NEITHER AIRCRAFT
IS OPERABLE AND NEITHER IS TYPE OF HELICOPTER UTILIZED BY
SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON WHETHER DONATION
OF ONE OR BOTH OF ABOVE-DESCRIBED AIRCRAFT TO SOUTH AFRICAN AIR
FORCE MUSEUM WOULD BE DEEMED VIOLATION OF NEW US EXPORT CONTROLS.

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